

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional pages or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One adult individual

3. Parish: Madison

Specific Locality: Latitude 32.5295 Longitude -91.0501
Eagle Lake

4. Date(s) when observed: 10/11/19

5. Time(s) of day when observed: Observed i from approximately 1:15pm till 3:30pm
when I left

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew Bell

City: Madison

State: Mississippi

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

None

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Cloudy conditions but clear unobstructed view

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

8x Tract Binoculars

20-60x Meopta Spotting Scope

Canon Powershot SX50 camera

11. Distance to bird(s):

400 yards

12. Duration of observation:

2 hours and 15 minutes

13. Habitat:

Shallow water at upper end of lake

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Majority of time the bird was resting. There were rain showers and strong winds. I did observe the flamingo walking around and flying once. It did not appear to be wounded.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species; body bulk, shape, proportions; bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

First spotted at the upper end of Eagle Lake resting with Great Egrets. It was first reported by a photographer the previous afternoon (10/10/19). I arrived around 1:15 and first observed the all pink body, extremely long legs and neck. In direct comparison to Great Egrets it had a larger body and was also taller. Wing coverts were a darker pink than the rest of body. Base of bill was pink in appearance with a black tip. While observing the bird, it only flew once revealing the all black primary and secondary feathers. It did not appear stressed or wounded. It also walked around some and did not have any bands on its legs while viewing through the spotting scope. I photographed the flamingo with my camera and also made a short video through the spotting scope.

16. Voice:

none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

I photographed and recorded a short video of bird

19. Previous experience with this species:

none

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

I did use Audubon Bird app to rule out another species of flamingo

a. at time of observation: yes

b. after observation: yes

21. This description is written from:

Some notes were made shortly after observing the flamingo in the field.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

yes

23. Date: 10/12/19

Time: 7:25pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____yes_____